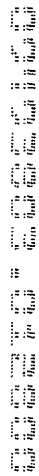
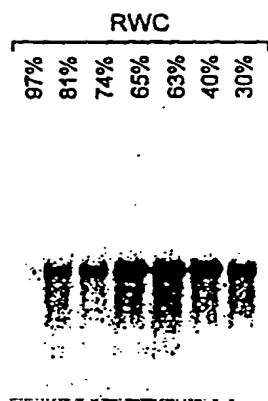


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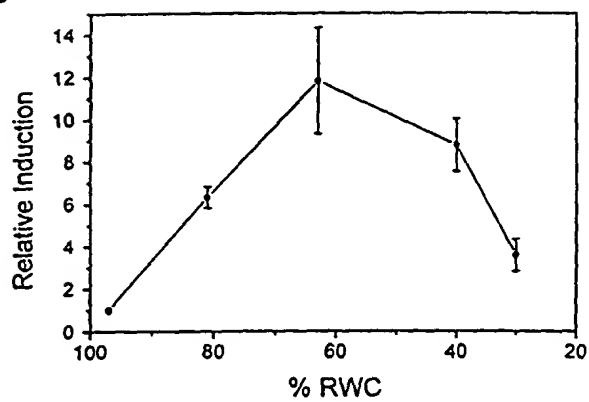


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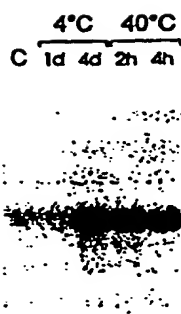
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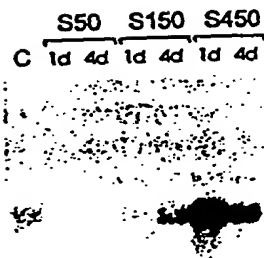
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FIGURE 4

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FIGURE 5

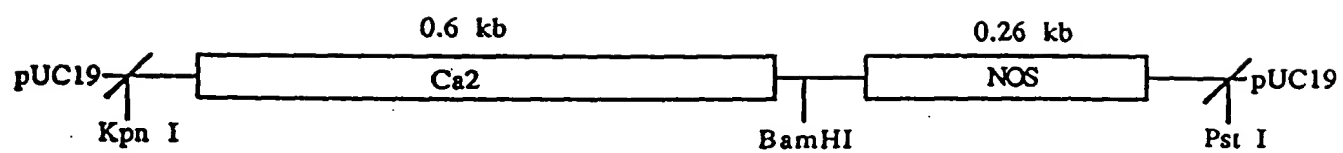


FIGURE 6

FIGURE 7A

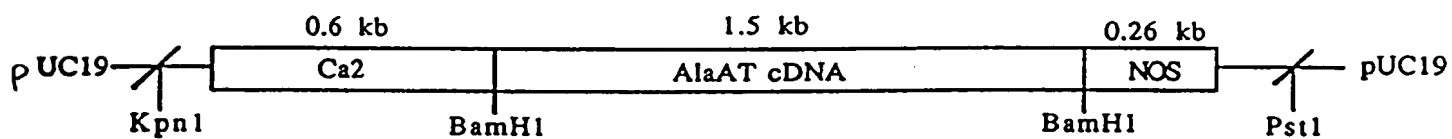


FIGURE 7B

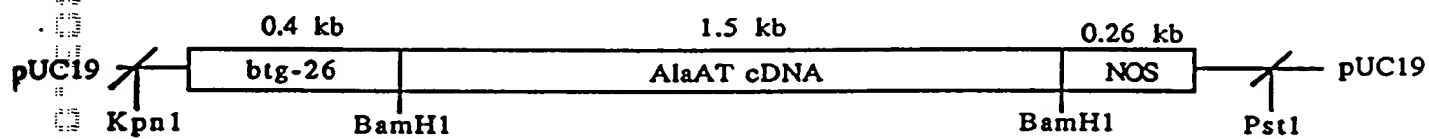


FIGURE 7C

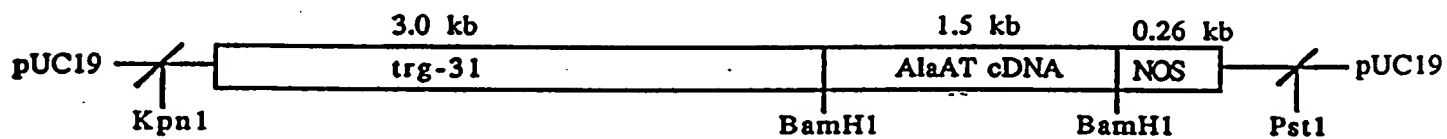


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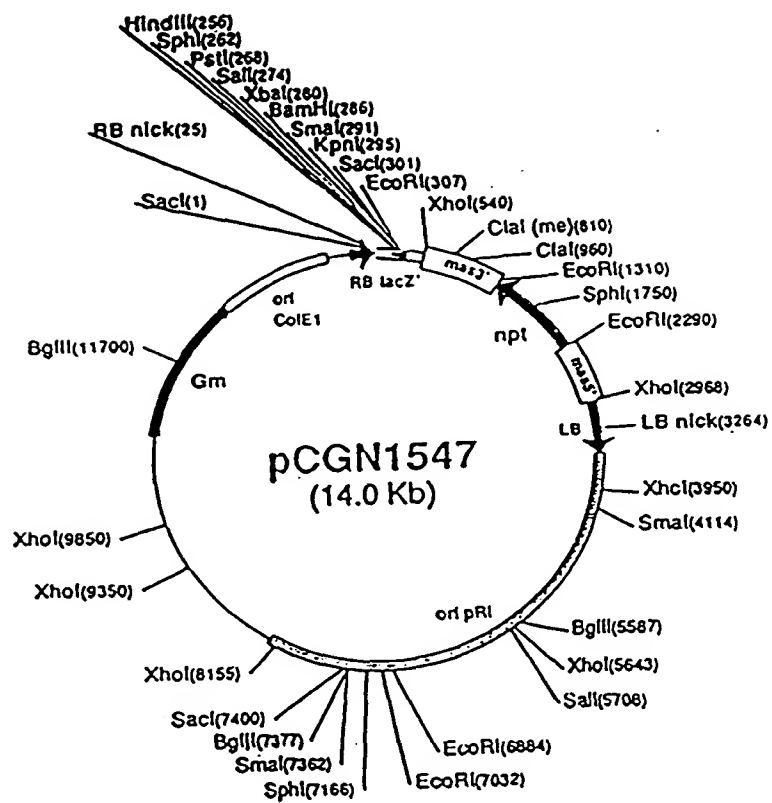
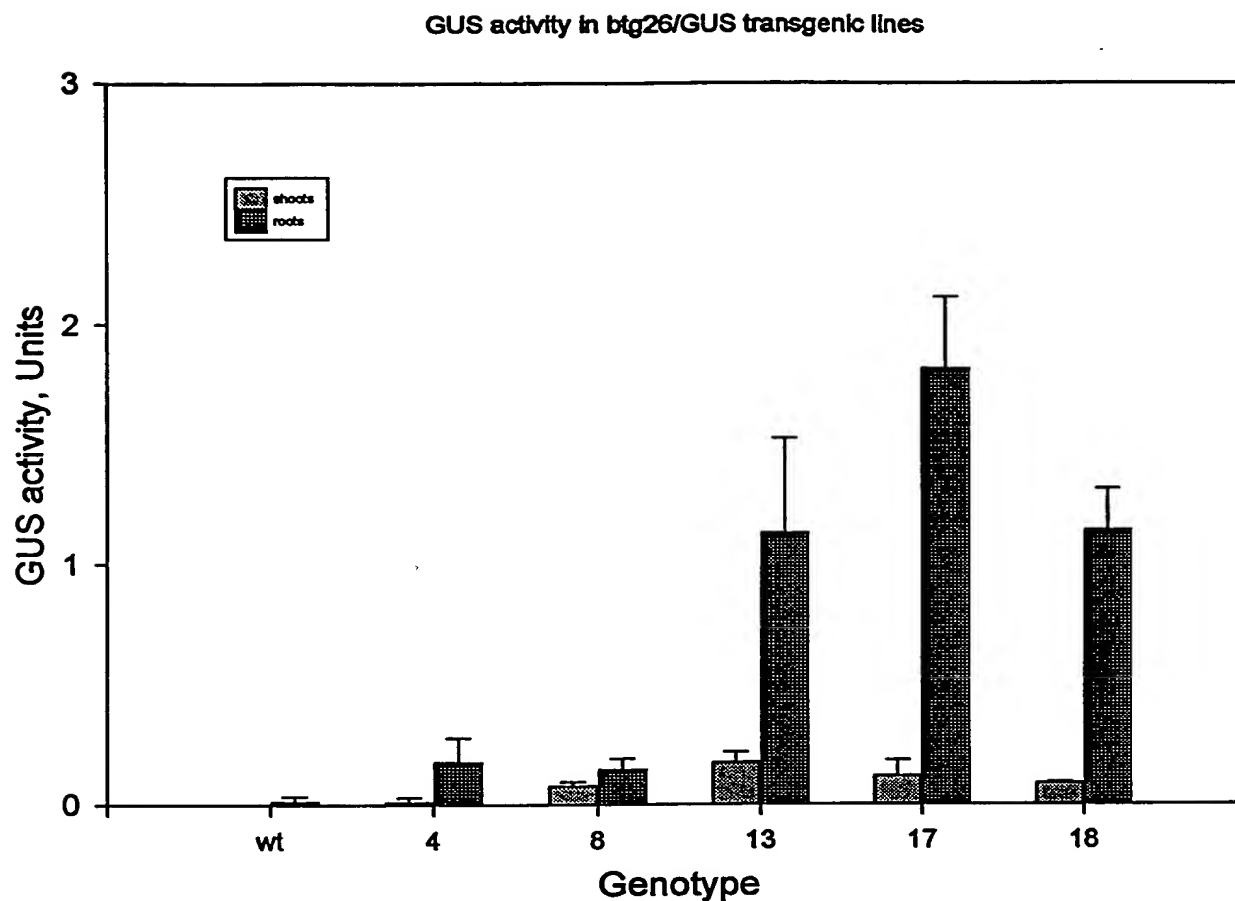


FIGURE 8



Root/shoot ratios:

<i>btg26</i>/GUS, line 4	-	19.5
<i>btg26</i>/GUS, line 8	-	1.9
<i>btg26</i>/GUS, line 13	-	6.5
<i>btg26</i>/GUS, line 17	-	15.7
<i>btg26</i>/GUS, line 18	-	13.2

FIGURE 11.

AAT-58F

L

R

AAT-81

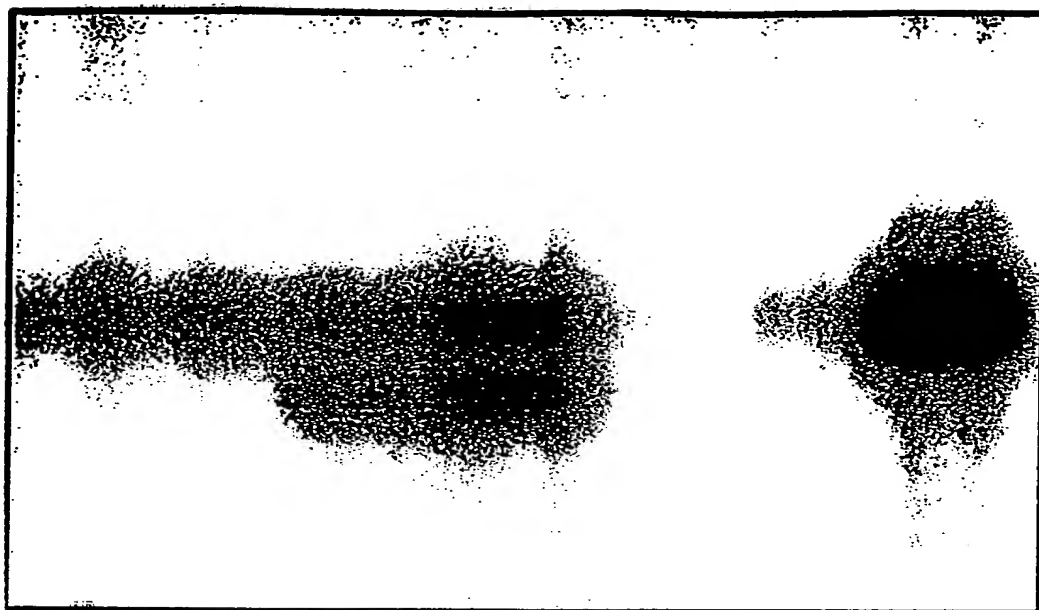
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1.00 1.25 1.36 3.83 0 0 26.52
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FIGURE 12

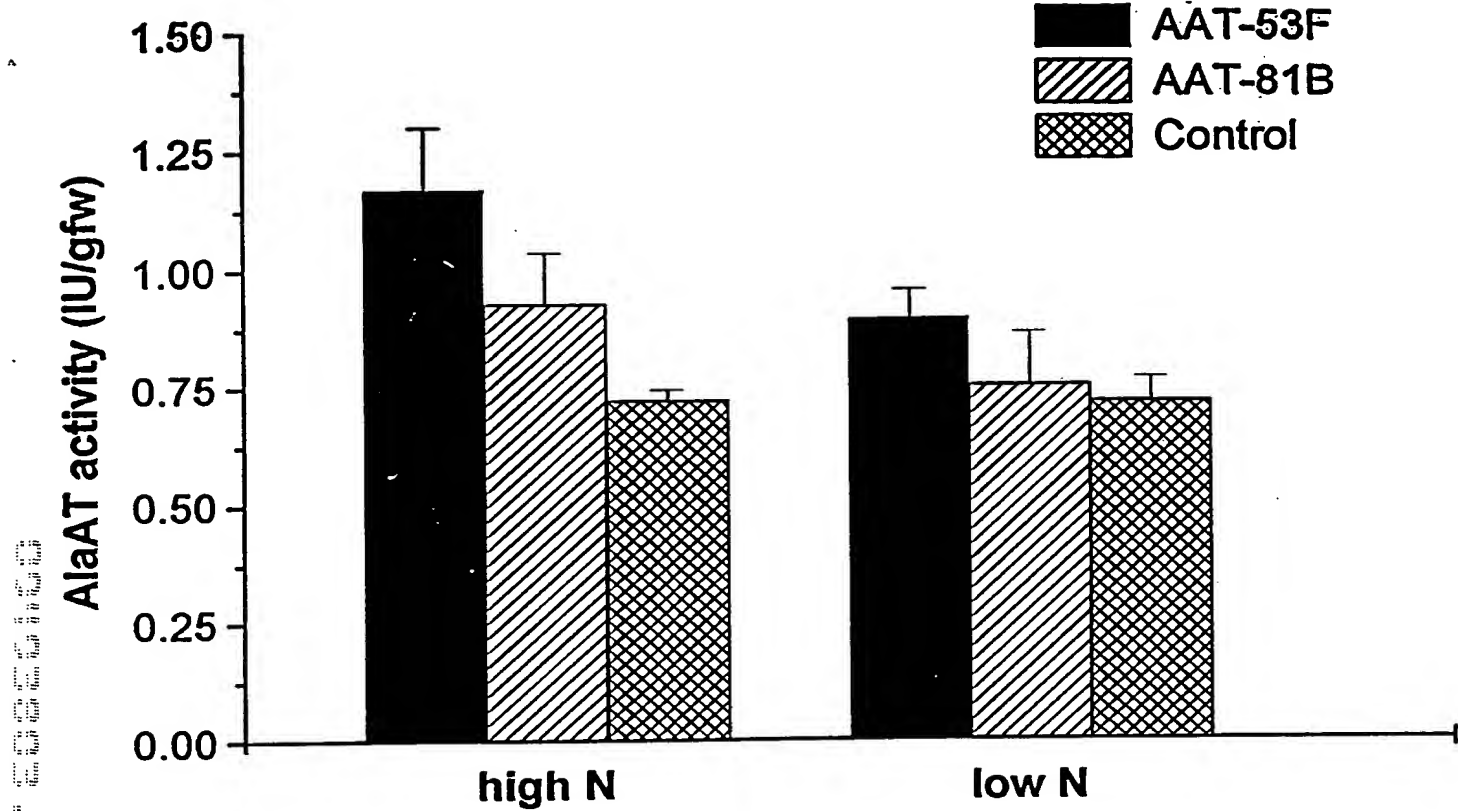


FIGURE 13

AlaAT activity in shoots of wild type, cv. Westar, and transgenic, btg26/AlaAT line 81B, plants grown hydroponically on 0.5 mM nitrate after 36 hours of salt treatment

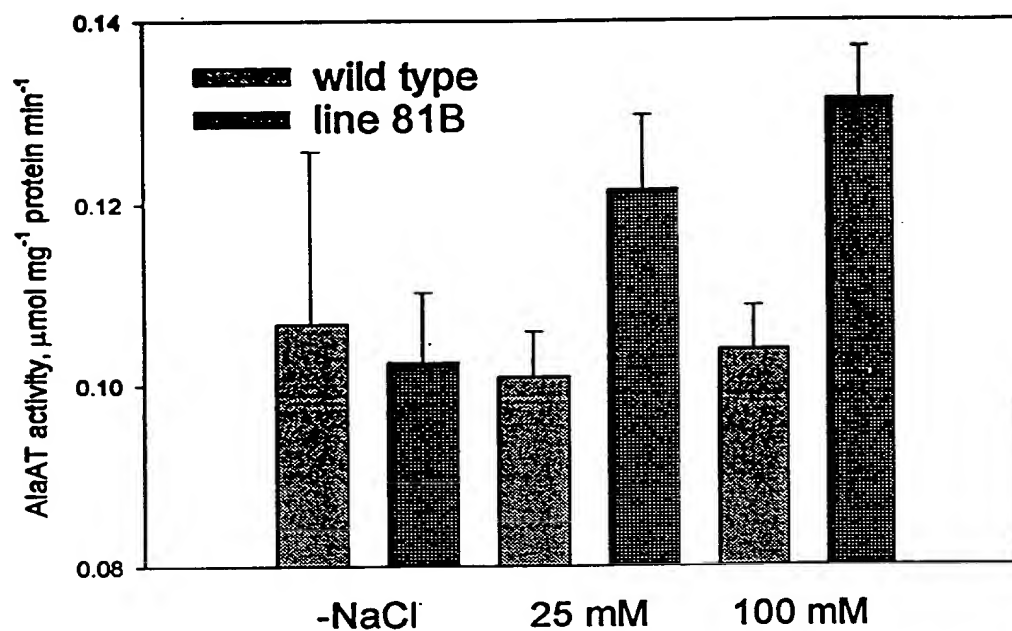


FIGURE 14

Growth conditions:

The plants were grown hydroponically for 2 weeks in 60 L tanks before salinity treatment

AlaAT activity in roots of wild type, cv. Westar, and transgenic, btg26/AlaAT line 81B, plants grown hydroponically on 0.5 mM nitrate after 36 hours of salt treatment

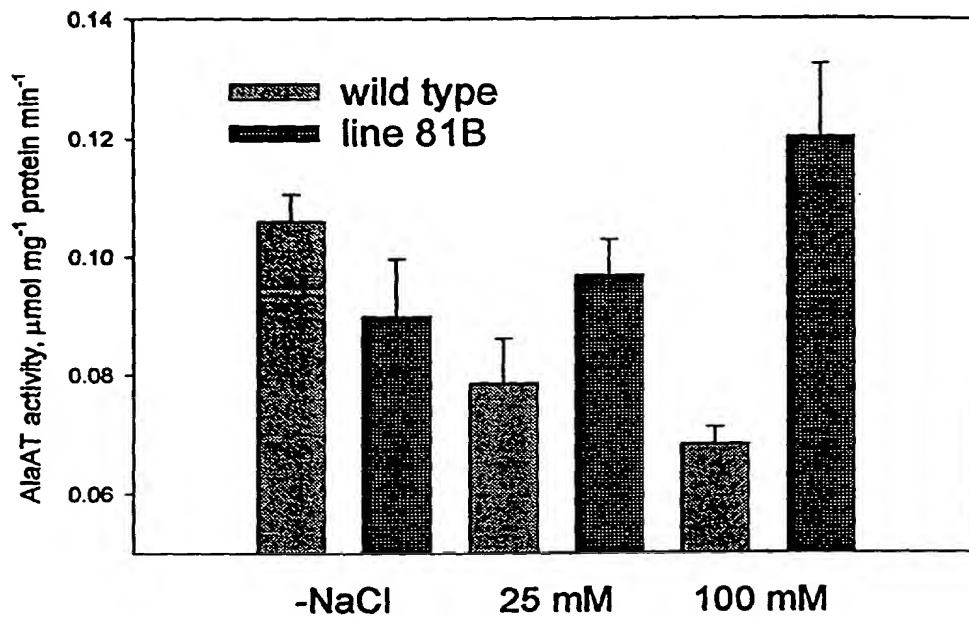


FIGURE 15

Growth conditions:

The plants were grown hydroponically for 2 weeks in 60 L tanks before salinity treatment

**Effect of salinity on biomass accumulation of wild type, cv. Westar,
and transgenic, btg26/AlaAT, line 81B, plants**

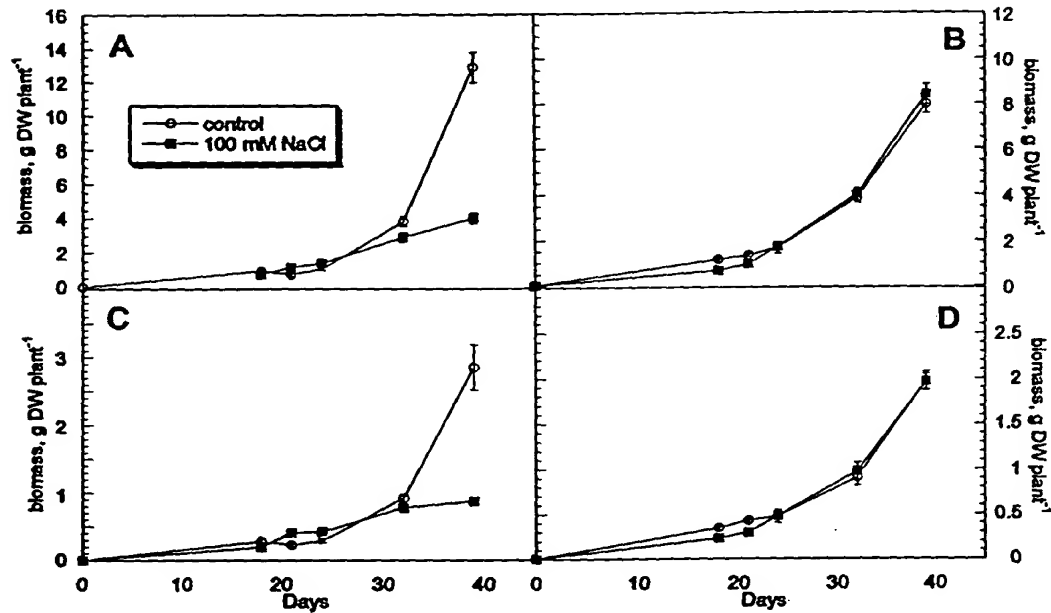


FIGURE 16

Legend

- A. Wild type shoots;
- B. btg26/AlaAT shoots;
- C. Wild type roots;
- D. btg26/AlaAt roots.

A black and white photograph showing a man and a woman standing behind a large, dark pile of harvested tobacco leaves. The man, on the right, is wearing a dark short-sleeved shirt and glasses. The woman, on the left, is wearing a light-colored top. They are in an industrial setting, likely a tobacco processing facility, with a large window or door visible in the background. The foreground is dominated by the dense pile of leaves.

FIGURE 17

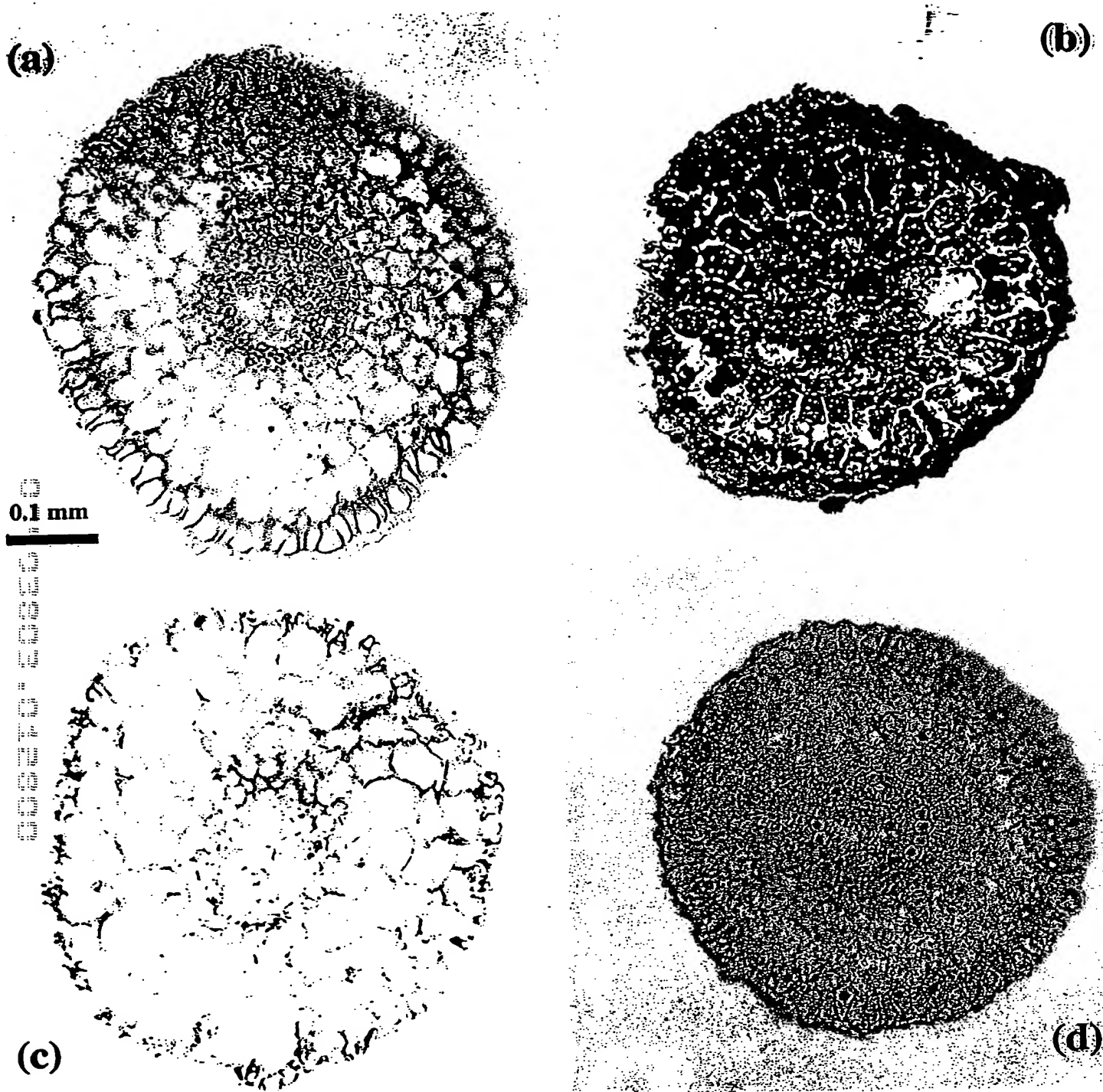


FIGURE 18